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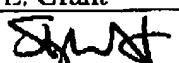
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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The Applicant makes the following amendments:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

No amendments at this time.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

The applicant's amendments begin on page 2 of this response.

**IN THE ILLUSTRATIONS**

No amendments at this time.

**REMARKS**

The applicant's remarks begin on page 14 of this response.